

Message Text

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ACTION SY-05

INFO OCT-01 ARA-10 ISO-00 AID-05 MCT-01 FBOE-00 A-01
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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE
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INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 0269

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (CAPTION DELETED)

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC, CS
SUBJECT: BOMB THREAT IN BUILDING HOUSING USAID OFFICES

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 1410 ON FEBRUARY 16, THE EMBASSY WAS NOTIFIED THAT THE INSTITUTO DE FOMENTO Y ASESORIA MUNICIPAL (IFAM) HAD RECEIVED TWO OR THREE PHONE CALLS BY A MAN STATING THAT A BOMB HAD BEEN LEFT IN THE BUILDING AND WOULD EXPLODE AT 1430.

2. THIS BUILDING IS A FIVE-STORY OFFICE BUILDING SITUATED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE CHANCERY. USAID OFFICES OCCUPY THE ENTIRE FIFTH FLOOR. NEW QUARTERS ARE BEING PREPARED FOR THE CONSULAR SECTION ON THE FIRST FLOOR BUT THESE WILL NOT BE OCCUPIED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY MARCH 11.

3. USAID PERSONNEL WERE IMMEDIATELY EVACUATED AS WERE THOSE OF IFAM AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES CALLED. THEY APPEARED 10-15 MINUTES LATER. THE PSO WAS INFORMED THAT DURING THE MORNING A WOMAN HAD REQUESTED PERMISSION FROM THE IFAM RECEPTIONIST TO LEAVE A PACKAGE AT THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING WHILE SHE RAN AN ERRAND AND DID NOT RETURN. THIS

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CONTAINER WAS THEN COVERED WITH OUR BOMB BLANKET UNTIL THE COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES ARRIVED. IT WAS FOUND TO CONTAIN AN OLD RADIO-TYPE APPARATUS - A VERY JUNKY PIECE OF EQUIPMENT OBVIOUSLY UNUSABLE. A SEARCH OF THE INSIDE OF THE BUILDING WAS THEN MADE BY THE POLICE. NOTHING ELSE WAS FOUND. USAID PERSONNEL WERE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO WORK.

4. ALL CALLS WERE RECEIVED BY IFAM; NONE BY EITHER USAID
OR THE EMBASSY. IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO US, THEREFORE,
THAT INCIDENT WAS DIRECTED AT EMBASSY.
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